



## **CMAK Foundation Race4Chase Phoenix Program – Call for Letters of Intent 2020**

**Summary:** Due to recent concerns and to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Race4Chase Finale's at YMCA Camp Sloper, CT, Fort Adams RI and Clover SC has been cancelled this year. However, the spirit of Chase lives on, and the CMAK Foundation has decided to offer one-time mini grants to current Race4Chase sites up to \$5,000 to run a modified Race4Chase program for the summer of 2020. A site may be awarded \$2,500 for serving 10 athletes and receive the additional \$2,500 with a good faith effort to serve another 10 athletes. The CMAK Foundation's goal is for each program to try to maximize the grant dollars to serve as many athletes up to twenty.

**2020 Program Modifications:** Modified programs will run for 2 weeks instead of 6 and should follow the same 3 hour/day 5 day per week schedule. Each site will host its own finale event (distances will be determined by the host site based on amenities and venue). Programs should run for 2 consecutive weeks during July or August, with the finale scheduled no later than one week after completion of the 2-week program. Finales cannot go past August 22, 2020. Each program can have a maximum of 20 children, with a total of 5 staff (2 counselors/junior coaches per group of 10 children and 1 head coach). Program with 10 children will have 3 coaches. Groups are not able to intermingle and train together during the program. Staff assigned must stay with their assigned groups throughout the duration of the program. A COVID 19 plan and reporting protocols must be established for the program. It would be suggested that sites take returning athletes and for new 2020 sites to except athletes who know how to swim and bike.

Based on the YMCA's current State recommendations (Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island), Example: Connecticut Guidelines - finales must be limited to no more than 50 people (including participants and coaches). If the State recommendations change the finale restrictions can be adjusted. Each site is responsible for managing their own registration and record keeping for their program, as well as hosting their finale. Distances for each event can be modified based on facilities' needs. The CMAK foundation will only provide program materials, not including signage or additional supplies for a finale. Grant applications will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

**The CMAK Foundation may provide the following based on funding and availability:**

- Race4Chase T-shirts
- Training manual
- Bikes (if site cannot provide) \* Athletes are able to keep the bike at the end of the program
- Helmets (if site cannot provide)
- Swim caps
- Medals

**Letter of Intent should include the following:**

1. Name of the Organization
2. Name of contact person
3. Address
4. Phone #
5. Email of contact person
6. Web Site of the Organization
7. Modified Program Plan including planned dates of program and finale date
8. COVID 19 Plan and Reporting Protocols

Letters of Intent are required to be submitted to: Sameerah Madyun-Rosa, [Smadyunrosa@waterburyymca.org](mailto:Smadyunrosa@waterburyymca.org) no later than June 12, 2020. Award or denial letters will go out no later than June 22, 2020.